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### MINNESOTA'S APRIL MILK OUTPUT DOWN 0.8 PERCENT

April 2008 milk production totaled 727 million pounds in Minnesota, down 0.8 percent from the 733 million pounds produced in April 2007, according to the USDA, NASS, Minnesota Field Office. March milk output was revised to 755 million pounds.

Minnesota's production per cow averaged 1,570 pounds in April 2008, down 40 pounds from last April. The revised March rate was 1,630 pounds per cow. The average number of milk cows on farms in Minnesota during April 2008 was 463,000 head, unchanged from March but up 8,000 from a year ago.

Accumulated Minnesota milk production for the first 4 months of 2008 was 2.93 billion pounds, up 0.9 percent from the same period a year ago.

### APRIL MILK PRODUCTION UP 2.5 PERCENT IN MAJOR STATES

Milk production during April 2008 totaled 14.8 billion pounds, up 2.54 percent from April 2007 in the 23 major States. March's revised production was at 15.1 billion pounds, up 2.3 percent from March 2007. The March revision represented a decrease of 10 million pounds or 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary estimate. Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,757 pounds for April, 12 pounds above April 2007. The number of milk cows in the 23 major States was 8.44 million head, 152,000 head more than April 2007, and 8,000 head more than March 2008.

Accumulated milk production in the 23 major states for the first 4 months of 2008 was 58.6 billion pounds, up 3.4 percent from the same period a year ago.

### MILK PRODUCTION, MAJOR STATES

State	MILK COWS			RATE PER COW			MILK PRODUCTION			
	Apr 2007	Mar 2008 Rev.	Apr 2008	Apr 2007	Mar 2008 Rev.	Apr 2008	Apr 2007	Mar 2008 Rev.	Apr 2008	2008 as % of 2007
	Thousand Head			Pounds			Million Pounds			Percent
CA	1,801	1,846	1,848	1,915	1,970	1,900	3,449	3,637	3,511	101.8
ID	503	540	540	1,860	1,885	1,840	936	1,018	994	106.2
<b>MN</b>	<b>455</b>	<b>463</b>	<b>463</b>	<b>1,610</b>	<b>1,630</b>	<b>1,570</b>	<b>733</b>	<b>755</b>	<b>727</b>	<b>99.2</b>
NY	627	626	626	1,605	1,690	1,670	1,006	1,058	1,045	103.9
PA	550	549	549	1,690	1,680	1,670	930	922	917	98.6
WI	1,246	1,251	1,251	1,615	1,660	1,630	2,012	2,077	2,039	101.3
23 States	8,292	8,436	8,444	1,745	1,794	1,757	14,470	15,134	14,833	102.5

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